



Safeguarding Statement **for St. Catherine's Association Limited** *December 2021*

1. Introduction

St. Catherine's Association is a non-profit making organisation, funded by the HSE to provide education, training, healthcare, day service and residential / respite care to vulnerable persons with intellectual disabilities. These services include Residential Living for children and adults, Respite and Alternative Short Break Options for children, Day Service for adults, Nursing, Positive Behaviour Support, and access to clinical supports through referral to Children's Disability Network Teams, and other related supports.

St. Catherine's Association mission statement states;

'The Association will deliver a service of excellence that is client-centered; responding to the client's identified needs, and ensuring that each person achieves their full potential. The Association is supportive of both clients and their families.'

St. Catherine's Association employs circa 200 employees across multiple locations. Under the Health Act 2007 (Care and support of residents in designated centres for persons (children and adults) with disabilities) Regulations 2013, and HIQA National Standards for Residential Services for Children and Adults with Disabilities (2013), St. Catherine's Association maintains nine designated centres; six are residential centres (Bird Hill, Fairwinds, Glenview Heights, Granitefield, Haughton Lodge, and Woodbeg) and three short break centres (Ballylusk Cottage and Apartment, Brambles & Haughton House). All designated centres are registered with the Health, Information and Quality Authority providing support to vulnerable children and / or adults in line with the centres Statement of Purpose and their Certificate of Registration.

St. Catherine's Association provide residential and day service support to adults with a diagnosis of moderate to profound intellectual disability. Residential support is currently provided to adults aged 18 to 25 years; while day service is provided to school leavers primarily.

2. Risk Assessment

Risk identified		Procedure in place to manage risk identified
DLP01	Safeguarding – Risk associated with exposure to abuse for any vulnerable adult supported by SCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Appropriate safeguarding Policy, Procedures, Protocols & Guidelines (PPPG) are in place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse ii. Child Protection & Welfare Policy iii. Trust-in-Care Policy iv. Body Mapping Guidance v. Mandatory safeguarding training for all employees vi. Responsive Designated Officer resource vii. Individual Money & Property Policy b) Robust internal supports available to all employees through a dedicated Designated Officer(s) phone-line and email c) Reporting / Notification (NF06/07) to external agencies as required; Tusla, HSE Safeguarding and Protection Teams & Health, Information & Quality Authority respectively d) Appropriately trained Designated Officer(s) e) Robust HR practices supported by relevant policies; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Garda Vetting Policy ii. Staff Recruitment & Selection Policy f) Appropriate individualised staff support based on assessed need(s) of the individual and activity

3. Procedures

The St. Catherine's Association Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with National policy provided by the HSE, and the Health Act 2007 (Care and Support of Residents in Designated Centres for Persons (Children and Adults with Disabilities) Regulation 2013.

In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard vulnerable persons while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers / volunteers of a person availing of our service
- Procedure for the safe recruitment; including Garda vetting, and selection of workers and volunteers to work with vulnerable persons
- Procedure for provision of and access to vulnerable persons safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for the reporting of safeguarding concern to the appropriate HSE Safeguarding and Protection Team
- Procedure for appointing a Designated Officer and / or Deputy to act as a resource to all staff with St. Catherine's Association and to maintain records in relation to any vulnerable persons protection / welfare concern
- Procedure for engaging with the Designated Officer and / or Deputy should a concern arise

All procedures listed are available upon request.



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4. Implementation

St. Catherine's Association recognises that implementation is an ongoing process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep vulnerable persons safe from harm while availing of our service. This Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed biennially or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:



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